IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/019,087

Filed: December 19, 2001

Confirmation No. 3082

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: P. Huynh

For: METHOD FOR DETECTING A LIPOPROTEIN-ACUTE PHASE PROTEIN

COMPLEX AND PREDICTING AN INCREASED RISK OF SYSTEM FAILURE

OR MORTALITY

August 25, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

| 1. | This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of two (2) month(s) to |
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| respon | d to the Official Action dated March 25, 2004. |
| 2. | A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested: |

has been filed.

3. Applicant:

☐ Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Does not claim small entity status.

is filed herewith.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

| | Total Months | Fee For Other | Fee for |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Requested | Than Small Entity | Small Entity |
| | one month | \$110.00 | \$55.00 |
| \boxtimes | two months | \$420.00 | \$210.00 |
| | three months | \$950.00 | \$475.00 |
| | four months | \$1,480.00 | \$740.00 |
| | five months | \$2,010.00 | \$1,005.00 |
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Fee Due \$420.00

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| \boxtimes | A check including the amount of the fee is enclosed. |
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| | Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed. |
| | Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. |

Respectfully submitted,

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